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SUBJECT: RESIDENCE WATER SUPPLY

REF: A. DAMASCUS 2075; B. STATE 2188

1. IN REFTEL A EMBASSY REQUESTED FUNDS TO REPAIR THE PIPE LINE WHICH CHANNELED RIVER WATER TO THE RESIDENCE FOR IRRIGATING THE GROUNDS. REFTEL B APPROVED FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.

2. DESPITE NUMEROUS REQUESTS THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES STILL HAVE NOT CARRIED OUT THE WORK. DURING THE INTERIM IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT DURING DRY WINTERS, SUCH AS THE ONE WE ARE NOW EXPERIENCING, THE RIVER IS TOO LOW TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT WATER FOR OUR NEEDS EVEN IF THE PIPE LINE WERE FULLY OPERABLE.

3. THE EMBASSY FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE BEST ANSWER TO OUR

PROBLEM, BOTH SHORT AND LONG RANGE, WOULD BE TO DIG A DEEP WELL ON THE PROPERTY, SIMILAR TO THAT LOCATED ON THE RESIDENCE PROPERTY IN ALEPPO. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY GEOLOGISTS FROM THE HYDRAULIC RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS THAT AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF WATER LIES 60 TO 80 METERS BENEATH OUR PROPERTY. THEY STATE, IN FACT, THAT A VIRTUAL LAKE OF WATER LIES UNDER ALL OF DAMASCUS.

3. THE GEOLOGISTS ESTIMATE THE COST FOR A WELL 80 METERS DEEP, INCLUDING SUBMERSIBLE PUMP, WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY
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\$6000. THE FINAL COST WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE DEPTH

OF THE WELL. IF FOR EXAMPLE WATER IS AVAILABLE AT
60 METERS THE COST WOULD BE MEASURABLE LESS.

4. BESIDES PROVIDING WATER FOR THE GARDEN, WHICH URGENTLY
NEEDS IRRIGATING, THE WELL WOULD PROVIDE AN EMERGENCY
SOURCE OF WATER FOR THE RESIDENCE AND FOR OTHER EMBASSY
HOUSEHOLDS IN THE EVENT OF DAMAGE TO THE CENTRAL SYSTEM.
FINALLY, USE OF THE DEEP WELL WILL PROVIDE PURER WATER THAN
THAT AVAILABLE FROM THE OPEN TRENCH RUNNING THROUGH
DAMASCUS WHICH HAS BEEN PIPED INTO RESIDENCE IN PAST.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. TELEGRAPHIC APPROVAL OF DIGGING DEEP WELL ON
RESIDENCE GROUNDS AND ALLOTMENT OF \$6,000 FOR THIS PURPOSE.
TO PREVENT FURTHER LOSS OF VALUABLE TREES AND SHRIBBERY TRUST THIS
CAN BE APPROVED SOONEST.
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